

The Richest Women In The World

I consider my wife, the mother of our children, to be one of the richest women in the world. For past forty-four years it has been my joy to watch her give selflessly to others. She has drawn from



Pastor Carl and First Lady Carmen Jones

an endless supply of love and compassion for the young and young at heart. Her heart has been open to and has made room for children in need of child-care, foster-care, respite, adoption, surrogate parenting, and teaching. In recent years

she has also done what is good and acceptable before God by showing piety at home and re-

quiting her parents' support and love (1 Timothy 5:4-5).

Her worth as a confidant, counselor, consoler, hygienist, hair-stylist, fashion consultant, nurse, cook, nutritionist, banker, care-giver, chauffeur, seamstress, entertainer, teacher, tutor, psychologist, social planner, referee, pharmacist, economist, historian, art director, purchase agent, maid, and bellhop would have put her among the world's highest earners if she had been compensated monetarily. But even without collecting a pay check for services rendered, she has received the priceless blessings and rewards of genuine gratitude, a good name, friendship, and honor; Any one of which is of great value.

Love must be the greatest of all riches, for love gives so much. *Mothers like my wife, who give so much to others, must be the richest women in the world.*

Rev. Carl Jones

Join us on Wednesdays for Bible Study in person (except 4th Wednesdays) and via Facebook Live (Phone number and code: 978-990-5000 — 703263#) as we study God's Word!!!



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May Dates

- ⇒ National Day of Prayer, May 5, 2022
- ⇒ Mother’s Day, May 8, 2022
- ⇒ Armed Forces Day, May 21, 2022
- ⇒ Victoria Day (Canada), May 23, 2022
- ⇒ Ascension Day, May 26, 2022
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Meet GSBC's Minister of Music

GSBC welcomes Jamel Lewis, 43, to the music department. He started as a choir director at Galilee Baptist Church at the age of 15, then played drums and eventually learned to play keyboards from the musician there. Lewis has no formal training and plays by ear. He has played for several churches in the city.

Lewis is a member of New Life Ministries of Christ, Pastor Vincent Alexander. He has been involved in church ministries all his life. He is now divorced and has no children. The middle child of five, his mother is an associate minister and his father, a retired army sergeant, is a deacon. Both serve at Cane Run Missionary Baptist Church.

His formal education is in Early Childhood Education. He is employed at Humana as a Billing & Enrollment Specialist. Lewis is also very active in the community, joining protest marches, working on political campaigns and serving as a mentor to young men ages 10-35 through the "Men On the Move" program where they teach responsibility and accountability.

His plans for the music department include vocal training, workshops and expanding the choir's repertoire. Also, he'll work with the youth and drama ministry and plans to add an additional musician in the coming weeks. Welcome, Jamel!

Submitted by Deborah Leacock



News From The Pews

Thank You Greater Salem members for your part in helping Aria Smith reach her goal during the Girl Scout Cookie Sale effort. As a result, she and her Troop were able to go to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida.



Submitted by her grandmother Lynn Fleming

Congratulations, are in order to Taylor Garrison upon

the receipt of her Masters Degree from the Kent School of Social Work Program at The University of Louisville.

Class of 2022
Graduation Day!

Join us as we celebrate the graduation of
Taylor Elyse Garrison
 from the
 University of Louisville
 Kent School of Social Work
 Master's Program

SAVE THE DATE:
 Saturday, May 14th, 2022
 at 10am
 at the KFC Yum! Center



Congratulations
Taylor
 From GSBC

Submitted by her father, Deacon Richard Garrison, Jr.

May 2022 Health Notes: Spring Allergies and COVID Update

From the Nurses Ministry

While it's nearly impossible to completely avoid [spring allergies](#) if you live near an abundance of trees, flowers, grasses, and plants, you can help lessen the symptoms by avoiding some of the main triggers. Here are some things you can do:

- Try to stay indoors whenever the pollen count is very high, which tends to be higher in the morning.
- Keep your doors and windows closed whenever possible to keep allergens out.

Use an [air purifier](#).

- Clean the air conditioner filters often.
- Clean surfaces, vents, and other places where pollen can collect.
- Vacuum twice a week. Be sure to wear a mask as vacuuming can kick up pollen mold and dust trapped in your carpet.

Symptoms of Spring Allergies include runny nose, watery eyes, sneezing, coughing, itchy eyes and nose and dark circles under the eyes. Allergens can also trigger [asthma](#), a condition in which the airways narrow, making breathing difficult and leading to coughing, wheezing, and shortness of breath.

It may be hard to determine if your symptoms are allergies or COVID symptoms. That's why it's so important that you continue to practice precautions, including masking if you are indoors in small spaces and getting vaccinated against COVID-19.

Note: Free COVID-19 at-home tests are available. Go to <https://www.covid.gov/tests> or check your local pharmacy.

Although the vaccine does not totally prevent you from getting the disease, it has been proven to lessen the severity of COVID-19 and decrease hospitalizations.

COVID-19 Booster vaccinations recommendations

Pfizer vaccine – Booster recommended for everyone 12 years and older at least 5 months after completing the primary COVID-19 vaccination series. Second booster recommended for adults 50 and older or at-risk or immune-compromised adults at least 4 months after your first booster. Teens 12-17 years old may only get a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine booster.

Moderna vaccine - Booster recommended for everyone 18 years and older, 5 months after completing the primary COVID-19 vaccination series. Second booster recommended for adults 50 and older or at-risk or immune-compromised adults at least 4 months after your first booster.

Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine - Booster recommended everyone 18 years and older, 2 months after completing your primary COVID-19 vaccination. Second booster recommended for adults 50 and older or at-risk or immune-compromised adults at least 4 months after your first booster.

Below are a few locations where you can get vaccinated.:

CVS, Walgreens and Kroger Pharmacies. Appointments may be required. Contact the store in your area.

Norton Healthcare offers COVID vaccines for 5-11 year olds for current and non-patients at their vaccine clinics in St. Matthews and West Broadway. Appointment may be required.

Monday, May 9th

Event name – Smoketown Wellness, 4-6pm, 760 S. Hancock St., Ste B100 40203

Tuesday, May 10th

Event name – La Casita Center, 9am-2pm, 223 E. Magnolia Ave. 40208

Thursday, May 12th

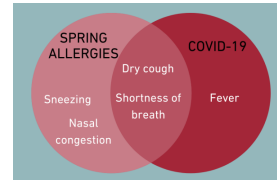
Event Name – Family Health Center Iroquois, 12:30-3:30pm, 4100 Taylor Blvd. 40215

For more information on COVID-19 and booster recommendations and to find a location near you, go to <https://govstatus.egov.com/ky-covid-vaccine>

The [COVID-19 Hotline](#) (800) 722-5725 can answer general COVID-19 and vaccine questions. Live agents are available: Monday - Friday 8am to 5pm EST

If you have an urgent medical need, please reach out to your healthcare provider.

Sources: share.baptisthealth.com; kycovid19.ky.gov; www.cdc.gov



Dressing fashionably for Easter Sunday is traditional, not theological

By [Micha Green](#) Baltimore Sun Apr 14, 2022

From the days of early Christians, fancy Easter Sunday clothes have been a cosmetic commemoration of Jesus Christ's resurrection. Now, churchgoers don social media post-worthy outfits such as frills, lace, head-turning hats, stylish suits, and dresses as well as color coordinated looks for the whole family.

While weekly church fashion varies depending on the place of worship, **Easter ensembles are historically rooted in centuries of customs and norms, not religious theology or tenets.**

Two Baltimore churches, [Rehoboth Ministries Church of God in Christ](#) and [Central Christian Assembly](#), have very different approaches when it comes to Sunday style, but according to the spiritual leaders, dressing up for church, in general, is all about cultural expectations.

"My best friend and I often tease each other because our church culture is so different. We serve the same God, believe in the same doctrine, but she wears jeans on Sundays and I wear a sequined gown — not really, but kind of," said Kimberli Thomas, director of Children's Ministry at [Rehoboth Ministries](#)

Bishop William E. McMillan Jr., founder and senior pastor of Rehoboth Ministries, said he leads by example in how he dresses for church every Sunday.

"I believe that the people of God should look their very best when they go to worship. However, our fashion should not be to draw attention or cause us to lose focus on our primary purpose and that is to share the love of Jesus Christ," said Bishop McMillan, who is often [pictured on social media](#) in three-piece tailored suits or traditional bishops' garb, such as a purple clerical shirt and collar.

'Looking good for Jesus'

For Thomas, who is Bishop McMillan's daughter, dressing up for Sunday service is steeped in family traditions as well as African American heritage.

"As early as I can remember, church clothes were a thing. Whenever my parents or grandmother would take me shopping, we were either getting play clothes, school clothes or church clothes," said Thomas. "We honored Sunday and gave God our best. For the Black church, that includes our dress," she added.

At [Central Christian Assembly](#), the ethos behind worship style has changed over the past 10 years to a "come as you are," approach according to the church's Next Generation Pastor Jonathan Prothero, who often opts for jeans and sneakers.

"It's a simple take on making sure that we're not creating more barriers to entry than we need to — that people feel comfortable in their own skin," said Prothero, who works in church communications and with congregants ages 13 to 30. "It might sound really superficial to start with an aesthetic like clothing, but actually it's a first step, and we found it just relaxes people a lot, when they can come in, wearing what they would usually wear.

Even with varying approaches to Sunday style, there are shared rules when it comes to fashion at both churches.

"Nothing too revealing, nothing too distracting, but [clothing guidelines are] pretty loose in terms of how strict," Prothero said.

"Nothing is too tight, too high, too low, too loose, et cetera," said Thomas. "Church fashion is looking good for Jesus with a splash of your personal style."

'Where does the reverence begin?'

Historically speaking, "Easter" was a pagan holiday to celebrate the beginning of spring, but Christians adapted the celebration to com-

memorate the resurrection of Christ, and soon after rules about attire came into play.

"Dressing up for Easter is a tradition that really goes back as far as medieval times," McMillan said. "Christians in medieval times began to wear new, clean clothes on Easter Sunday to symbolize the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the new life for believers. In 300 A.D., the Roman Emperor Constantine declared his court would wear their nicest and newest clothing on Easter Sunday."

Coming from "humble beginnings" as one of six children, McMillan said he did not have the fanciest Easter clothes growing up. Nonetheless, he instilled an appreciation for Easter ensembles in his children and enjoys seeing his family and congregation dress in their Sunday best.

"I am the daughter of the churchiest Bishop ever in the history of the Church of God in Christ," Thomas said jokingly about McMillan. "As a child, I looked forward to going Easter shopping. That meant going to a fancy store, getting a shoe with a little heel, lacy stockings and gloves."

"Easter for the Black church is what Christmas is to the world," Thomas emphasized.

Easter even brings out some traditional church looks for members of Central Christian Assembly.

"You'll see people come in shorts and T-shirts, if it's good weather, and you will see people come in more formal attire: button downs, tucked in pants, whole suits," Prothero said about the outfits he expects to fill Central Christian on Easter Sunday.

"People can sometimes get judgmental when they see somebody who they feel should dress up a little bit more, or they see a pastor wearing a cap on stage," Prothero said. "For some people, it crosses a line at 'where does the relevancy end and where does the reverence begin?'"

Dorothy Cunningham, 33, said for this Easter, her twins Dominique and Da'yonne, will be wearing linen short sets, one white and one sky blue, with three-button polos and new white Adidas. "They didn't want to wear suits this year. Their sister, J'Lynn, will be wearing a "pink puffy tutu dress and white patent hard-bottom shoes."

"I like to do the things that I wasn't able to do as a child, dress up, go to church, have Easter egg hunts or even something simple like an Easter egg basket. It wasn't provided for me and my four siblings. My mother was incarcerated so we were pushed from family to family in East Baltimore," Cunningham said.

"Looking around as a girl, watching other kids play, all dressed up with new shoes, I felt like I was deprived of a happy Easter Sunday...For my kids, I love seeing them happy in their Sunday outfits, smiling in the mirror, and telling me, 'Mommy, I look good!' Then they pat me on the shoulder and say, 'Mommy, you did good.'" said Cunningham, of Easterwood.

Despite cultural opinions, there is no theological basis on how one should dress to worship on Easter. All should be welcomed to worship, no matter the outfit, the church leaders emphasized.

"There is no theology about dressing up for Easter. The scriptures basically tell us that we should be clean and appropriate when we come into the house. If there is someone that is not blessed to have clean, new or dressy clothes, the church should receive them without any discrimination," McMillan said.

Prothero also said there is no scriptural foundation for clothing choices and it's about personal comfort in worship.

"It's not like Paul's in the New Testament saying, 'Thou shall wear a suit and a tie of red,'" Prothero said. "We just want you to feel like you're welcome. That, for us, is so much more important than what you wear."



Three Sisters Three Mothers

“Anyone who does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother” Mark 3:35 NIV

Today we are going to focus on the sister and mother portion of this scripture. This is the month that we celebrate Mother’s Day. Therefore, it is appropriate that we introduce you to the Wheeler sisters; Maria, Nisy, and Arlene. Greater Salem is very familiar with the Wheeler family. The family

has been a part of Greater Salem since the leadership of Pastor Whitaker. Their father, Carroll, and their mother Dorothy Wheeler both sang in the Pastor’s choir. Carroll and Dorothy migrated from Cave City and Park City, Ky to raise their family. There were (7) children: Bobby, Michael, Arlene, Nisy and Maria. Unfortunately, (2) went on to Glory, Betty and Leroy.

There are many similarities between the sisters. All are mothers and grandmothers, Maria has (3) children: Marissa, Roland, and Rollin and (3) grandchildren. Nisy has (2) children, Jerrod and Phillip and (2) grandcats and Arlene has (1) child, Latifah, and (2) grandchildren.

The sisters are extremely close. Every Saturday all the siblings go grocery shopping together, go out to eat and then come back to Maria’s house and eat banana bread that Maria’s husband bakes each weekend. The sisters all sing in the Mass Choir. Maria, Arlene, and Betty have sung lead in various songs. Maria also directs and Nisy is a background singer. Every other year they plan a vacation together. They have been on (3) cruises, Gatlinburg, and Myrtle Beech to name a few. They all have jobs in the health care industry. Maria works for Anthem, Nisy works for Health Equity and Arlene works for UL Physicians. All have been on their same jobs at least (15) years. Arlene is hoping to retire next year.

Christmas is a large family gathering time every year. Everyone pitches in with food and gifts. They make sure the grandchildren are a part of any programs or activities that Greater Salem has for the season. They all cheer for the Louisville Cardinals and are big fans.

There are also individual differences within the sisterhood. **Arlene** is a widow, graduated from Male and her favorite Bible verse is Psalm 8:1. Her favorite song is “Yesterday” by Mary Mary. **Nisy** is in a relationship, graduated from Jesse Stuart and the Bible verses that are closest to her heart are Genesis 1:1 through Revelations 22:21. Her favorite song is “Jesus Will”. **Maria** has been married for 37 years. Maria’s favorite song is “Stand” and her go-to Bible verse is John 3:16. She graduated from Shawnee.

The closeness that they have as a family was instilled in them by their parents. As children they attended Sunday School, BTU (Baptist Training Union) and started singing in the Sunshine Choir together. They are passing on the traditions and the love of the Lord to their grandchildren, nieces and nephews. The children participate in Wednesday night Youth Bible Study, Vacation Bible School, sing in the Children’s Choir and are Junior Ushers. The love of God is the glue that keeps this family together. They all agree, “When things don’t go as planned, we can pray together and talk with each other to get us back on track. We also like each other. When we are together, we have joy, plenty of laughter and a good time”.

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Each sister has a specialty dish that the family can depend on. They say that “Arlene is known for her chicken salad. Nisy is an excellent cook, she cooks most like our mother. Maria is blessed to have a cooking husband and she excels in eating!!!”

They continued “We have carried on the lessons that we learned from our parents; hard work, the love of God, the



The Wheelers at GSBC on Resurrection Sunday 2022

power of prayer, to always be there for family, and to go to and participate in church services and activities. We have also tried to model the traits of our own mother to our children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. We show them patience, guidance, love, caring, nurturing, and the importance of having a relationship with the Lord”.

Greater Salem – These are our own Wheeler Sisters: Arlene Mansfield, Nisy Wheeler, and Maria Mitchell. Happy Mother’s Day to them all!!

A Blessed & Grateful Mother

I would like to start off by saying, thank you Lord, for never leaving or forsaking me and my children. As a single mother of six children, three boys and three girls, it definitely has its trials and struggles that most of the time can be very overwhelming and hard to bear alone. Then I remember I am never alone, God is always with me, and He provides all my needs especially bringing His people in my life that have been such a support, compassion and honest influence and guid-

ance to my family and me from the Greater Salem church family.

I was lost and know I had to turn around and go back home, back to God (church) because I cannot do this without Him. One of my favorite African proverbs states, “We may not have it all together, but together we have it all.” And that is how I feel about the Lord. Things may not be as we want them, but with God I have all I need, and we will and are all right. Because of God I know there are no bad days, only bad moments that we allow: this too shall pass. I will endure to the end.

I would like to say to those special warriors of God that have been genuinely, unselfishly, caring and accepting to my children and me, you are appreciated. God is definitely using us all and I am so glad you all have allowed Him to use you. I have a really big fight ahead of me, due to having a serious medical issue, battling depression and anxiety and being the best mother I can be. I am a believer of the most high so with that being said, and my faith being present, I know with God all things are possible. We will take it one day at a time with a grateful heart, a patient mind and willing spirit. We won’t complain and we will take the peaks and valleys of life and allow it to make us stronger.

We will be all right, and we are going to make it and trust in God’s plan walking by faith and not by sight.

Thank you, Lord, and thank you Greater Salem for your love and embrace. We feel safe here because the presence of God can definitely be felt. Life is not possible to fully live without God. Pain is inevitable, but suffering is a choice, so I choose to repent and turn away from what God does not approve of, because I want to please God and not be of this world which causes unnecessary suffering. I am so glad I have a forgiving father who wants the best for us. Thank you, thank you, and thank you Lord.

From a grateful and blessed mother,
Brittany Marshall



A Mother's Crown

On a Sunday afternoon, November 18, 2018, three and a half years ago, my heart broke into a million pieces when my dear mother closed her eyes in death. Although losing her was painful then and it's still painful today, I find comfort in the scripture: *"We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to*



Sis. Datie Brownlee

be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord." – [2 Corinthians 5:8\(NKJV\)](#). To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

I also find comfort in the lyrics of the song, "I Shall Wear a Crown." My mother was able to put on her robe and tell her wonderful story of how she made it over. My sweet mother was able to see our Lord and Savior face to face. She was able to behold his face! My sweet mother was able to receive her crown, a crown of righteousness. As she received her crown, our Lord and Savior explained each jewel, one by one.

The following poem, *A Mother's Crown*, is my tribute to my loving mother.

A Mother's Crown

Heaven lit up with a mighty presence,
as the Angels all looked down.
Today the Lord was placing the jewels
Into my mother's crown.

He held up a golden crown,
as my darling mother looked on.
He said in His gentle voice,
'I will now explain each one.'

'The first gem,' He said, 'is a Ruby,
and it's for endurance alone,
for all the nights you waited up

for your children to come home.'

'For all the nights by their bedside,
you stayed till the fever went down.
For nursing every little wound,
I add this ruby to your crown.'

'An emerald, I'll place by the ruby,
for leading your child in the right way.
For teaching them the lessons,
That made them who they are today.'

'For always being right there,
through all life's important events.
I give you a sapphire stone,
for the time and love you spent.'

'For untying the strings that held them,
when they grew up and left home.
I give you this one for courage.'
Then the Lord added a garnet stone.

'I'll place a stone of amethyst,' He said.
'For all the times you spent on your knees,
when you asked if I'd take care of your children,
and then for having faith in Me.'

'I have a pearl for every little sacrifice
that you made without them knowing.
For all the times you went without,
to keep them happy, healthy and growing.'

'And last of all I have a diamond,
the greatest one of all,
for sharing unconditional love
whether they were big or small.'

'It was your love that helped them grow
Feeling safe and happy and proud
A love so strong and pure
It could shift the darkest cloud.'

After the Lord placed the last jewel in,
He said, 'Your crown is now complete,
You've earned your place in Heaven
With your children at your feet.'

By an Unknown Author

*I love you and I miss you dearly,
Jacque Austin*

Black History Highlights

Third installment in a monthly series

Details on Gen. Lloyd J. Austin III who was introduced to us during Black History Month by Deacon Theron Exum.

Lloyd James Austin III

Retired Four Star General, Lloyd James Austin, III is the 28th United States Secretary of Defense. He was nominated on December 7, 2020 by the incoming presidential administration of Joseph R. Biden. General Austin was confirmed by the U.S. Senate and was sworn in by President Biden on January 22, 2021. He is the FIRST African American to serve as Secretary of Defense.

Austin previously served in many roles in the U.S. Army, rising steadily through the ranks until his retirement from Military active duty in 2016.

Secretary Austin is the principal assistant to the President in All matters relating to the Department of Defense and serves on the National Security Council.

Lloyd James Austin, III was born on August 8, 1953, in Mobile, Alabama to Lloyd James Austin Jr., a postal worker, and Aletia Taylor Austin; he is the fifth of six children.

He was raised in his father's hometown, Thomasville, Georgia. Austin graduated from a predominantly white Thomasville High School, where he played basketball and excelled academically. He was offered a scholarship to the University of Notre Dame, which he strongly considered, among other schools, but at the advice of his father, he ultimately chose to attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York.

Secretary Austin graduated from West Point United States Military Academy, with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1975. He earned a Master of Arts degree in counseling from Auburn University, and a Master of Business Administration in business management from Webster University. In addition to these academic achievements, Secretary Austin is also a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College.

Before becoming Secretary of Defense, Mr. Austin served as the 12th commander of [United States Central Command](#). Austin was the FIRST black commander of the U S Central Command and was nominated by President Barack Obama.

Austin was the FIRST Black Operations Officer for the renowned 82nd Airborne Division, the FIRST Black commander of an infantry division, the 3rd, in combat, and the FIRST Black commander of an Army Corps in combat.

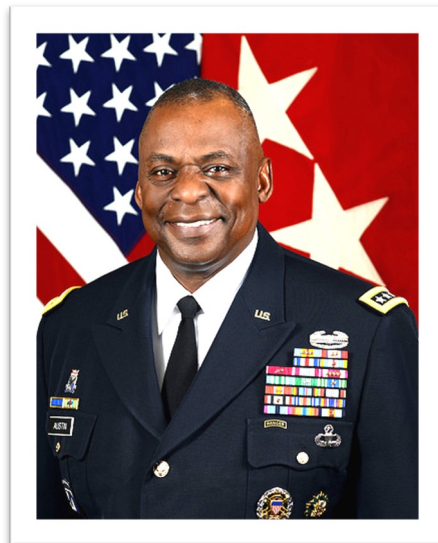
During his 41-year career in the military, Austin had tours of duty in Germany, Iraq, Afghanistan, and the United States, at West Point, Fort Drum in New York, Fort Bragg in North Carolina, Fort Stewart in Georgia, MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida, and the Pentagon.

Over the course of his career, Secretary Austin was awarded numerous decorations for exceptional service. Among the most notable are the Defense Distinguished Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Silver Star, for bravery in combat.

Secretary Austin has accomplished what many believed was impossible. Black men and women faced terrible racism and discrimination in the military.

Black draftees were often treated with extreme hostility when they arrived for training. White men refused to salute black officers and black officers were often barred from the officer's clubs and quarters. The War Department rarely interceded, and discrimination was usually overlooked or sometimes condoned. Black soldiers were often treated badly and sometimes went for long periods without proper clothing. There were also reports of blacks receiving old Civil War uniforms and being forced to sleep outside in pitched tents instead of warmer, sturdier barracks. Some were forced to eat outside in the winter months, while others went without a change of clothes for months at a time. Knowing the history of how African Americans were treated in the military make us extremely proud of the accomplishments of our honoree today.

A name to remember in Black History: Secretary of Defense Lloyd James Austin, III.



Secretary Lloyd James Austin III

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY FAMILY BIBLE STUDY FOR MAY

BIBLE STUDY TOPIC: Christian Mothers

SCRIPTURE: Numbers 26:59, Exodus 2:1-10, Ruth 3:1-6, Luke:1:28-33

MEMORY VERSE: “Honor your father and your mother as the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.. Deuteronomy 5:16

FAMILY DISCUSSION : in this lesson, children will learn about three **Biblical Mothers: Jochebed (Mother of Moses), Naomi (Mother in-law of Ruth), and Mary (Mother of Jesus).** After this lesson, your children will demonstrate knowledge of Biblical Mothers. They will also identify ways that they can honor their own mothers.

LEARNING INDICATOR: To keep children engaged in this Bible Study, you can play a game of **Name that Mother.** This will also help you see how much they learned and how much they were able to understand during this Family Bible Study.

Begin this Bible Study by telling your children, “Today we’re going to learn about three amazing mothers in the Bible who trusted and followed God. We will learn how God uses mothers to help us grow in our faith.

Explain that mothers are very important to our spiritual growth as we learn about God and make a decision to follow him. Let’s see what we can learn from these great Mothers in the Bible!”

Introduce each mother by reading a brief summary and description of her. Show children how to find the scripture passage and read the scripture with them.

Remind them to listen carefully so they will be able to answer the following questions when you play a game, **Name that Mother,** at the end of the lesson.

1. Who was the mother who risked everything to save her baby? Who was the baby?
2. Did she follow God?
3. What will she be remembered for?
4. Who was the mother who had a special relationship with her daughter in-law?
5. Why did they move?
6. What kind of advice did the mother in question #4 give her daughter-in-law?
7. What was the name of the daughter-in-law?
8. Who was the mother that was highly favored by God?
9. What did God choose her to do?
10. How do you think the mother in question #8 felt when she was chosen by God to do such a special thing?

SHORT SUMMARIES OF BIBLICAL MOTHERS (with Scripture references):

The first mother in the Bible we are going to learn about is the mother of Moses, Jochebed. Read Numbers 26:59 and be sure to mention that Moses had older siblings (Aaron and Miriam). Then briefly explain that Pharaoh had ordered all the Hebrews baby boys be killed before Moses was born, but his mother did something amazing to protect him. Read Exodus 2:1-10. Then ask the children to describe Jochebed’s actions. (Moses’s mother was brave, wise, loving, determined and bold).

Discuss the characteristics of this mother, say “Jochebed risked everything to obey God and protect her child. We learn from her example that we too can be brave and we can trust and be obedient to God.”

2. The next mother we will read and learn about is Naomi. She had a very close relationship with her daughter-in-law, Ruth. Naomi had a big influence on Ruth. Explain that Naomi’s family moved because there was a famine, (a shortage of food) but soon her husband and both of her sons died! Then read Ruth 1:15- 18.

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Ask, "Why do you think Ruth wanted to go with Naomi? What do you think Naomi did to deserve such loyalty (she took the time to have a meaningful relationship with Ruth)?" Then go on to explain that the women were very poor when they returned home and Naomi continued her nurturing relationship with Ruth. Read Ruth 3:1-6. Say, "How would you describe the advice Naomi gave Ruth (wise, kind, loving)? Ruth ultimately followed Naomi's advice and it led to Ruth's marriage and the birth of a son!"

Help your children understand that we not only learn from our own mothers, we can learn from other mothers around us. Then ask the children to list words that describe Naomi.

3. The third mother we will learn about is Mary, the mother of Jesus. Read Luke 1:28-33.

Ask, "How does the angel describe Mary (highly favored)? What does it take to be highly favored by God (obedience, trust, faith, humility)?" Explain that Mary wasn't perfect, but she agreed to trust God's extraordinary plan for her life and have faith in His will.

Ask, "What can we learn from Mary's example? Identify several words that describe her. Tell children, "Today we are thankful for the mothers who show us how to choose obedience, love God, and trust in his plan for our lives."

Play the game "Name that Mother": Have children take turns identifying characteristics about the Biblical mothers by answering the questions for this game.

Memory Verse: Honor your father and your mother as the Lord your God has commanded you...

Repeat the memory verse *have children write the memory verse on a strip of construction paper. Glue the two ends together to make a loop.

Parent Connection: Parents can hang the paper chain in your child's room and encourage him or her to recite the verse at bedtime and each morning.

CLOSING PRAYER: "God, thank you for giving us mothers. Please help us learn from their examples and grow stronger in our faith."

Submitted by Sister Jacque Austin
Youth and Family Ministry

How Did You Spend Easter???

Easter like Christmas is a special day of the year, and we all celebrate our holidays differently. This year, four brothers of the church, journeyed to Indianapolis, Indiana to celebrate the Resurrection Day with our ex-pastor, Rev. Keith Hackett and Tanisha at Greater Northwest Baptist Church. What a glorious trip! The whole discussion going up was on the awesomeness of our Lord and Savior, of His grace and mercy, how he provides and protects us, and on and on. It seemed like a fifteen-minute trip because of the depth of our conversations.

I failed to mention the four brothers: Deacon Willie T. Glover, Wiley LuVine, Martez Walton, and myself, LeRoy Winston. The trip had been planned a couple of months in advance and it took forever for Easter 2022 to appear. I must confess it was worth the wait.

Our ex-pastor, Rev. Keith S. Hackett, brought the message from John 20, regarding the women going to the tomb after the crucifixion of our Lord, Jesus. The take home I got from his message, the most important event, the tomb was no longer occupied. The tomb was empty, the body was no longer there, our Lord has risen. It's important that we know and realize that Christ has risen from the dead and left the tomb. We can remember Christ alerting the apostles that he would have problems in Jerusalem, and he would resurrect in three days. As usual, Rev. Hackett did a great job in expounding the words of God and enlightening us on the importance of the resurrection. I salute him for the excellence on his presentation.

Now for the icing on the cake from our visit, Rev. Hackett had prepared a dinner "extraordinaire." A few of his church members prepared a meal fit for a royal family. To name everything they offered would be redundant, but I will share that they had four variety of meats. The cooks all had to be southern women, though living in Indianapolis, for the taste was strictly southern and delightful. "What a Meal?" Rev. Hackett challenged us not to fall asleep driving home after eating such a memorable delight.

How did you spend Easter? Hopefully you had an enjoyable day like we did. It would have been great for you all to join us, unfortunately, our vehicle capacity was for four. I prayed that you were able to attend worship service on Easter, having the opportunity to give our Lord praise and honor. Allow me to challenge you, share your Easter's joy with others, letting them know how good, kind, merciful, and loving our Lord is daily, and let them know that He did not stay in the tomb. Happy belated Easter.

Leroy Winston



Leroy Winston, Martez Walton,
Dea. Willie Glover, Wiley LuVine



New Orleans Trip

Our team was not there for the 2022 NCAA Basketball Championship. But we had a great time in "The Big Easy" during the Final 4 Weekend.

We worshiped at Level Ground Community Church where Rev. Thomas brought a wonderful message on Sunday morning. "Stop doing the same things over and over: Breaking Traditions" Lynn Fleming

-Praise God for a wonderful safe trip to New Orleans, LA.-



Pastor Thomas



Brunch at Full Blast Restaurant after Church



GSBC in NOLA

Reported by Lynn Fleming and Deborah Leacock

It was a Happy 91st Birthday for Sis. Ella Leslie.

The Birthday Celebration was held on March 27th. at Landmark Healthcare on Gagel Ave.

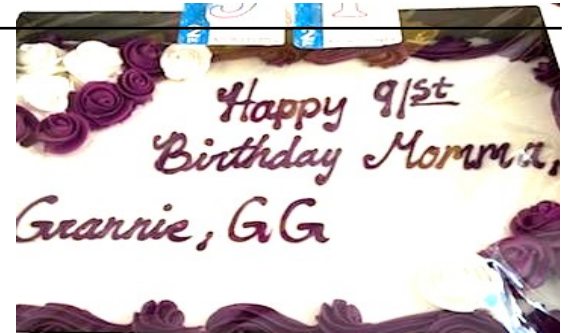


Children and Grandchildren



Greater Salemites and Girl Scout Leaders who worked with Sister Leslie and the GSBC Troop

Bro. Leroy Winston asking God's Blessings on the Celebration



Opportunities to Be in the Presence of God through the Study of His Word, Prayer, and with Regular Worship while maintaining Social Distance!!!

⇒ Sunday Worship services are held in the sanctuary and streamed online on Facebook live at 11:15 A.M. and then made available for viewing later on the Greater Salem Website: greatersalembaptist.org or the Greater Salem Facebook page.

⇒ The weekly Bible study will be held live in the Sanctuary and continue on Facebook Live every Wednesday except the 4th Wednesday at 6:00 PM and can be viewed later on the Greater Salem website or Facebook Page. The number and access code are: (978) 990-5000 - 703263#.



⇒ You can join in the weekly Sunday School Class in-person in the Sanctuary or via conference call at 10:00 AM on Sundays. Just call (978)990-5000 and when prompted enter the access code: 721799#.

⇒ On Wednesday nights after bible study, we now have an in-person Prayer Service at 7:00 PM. Although it is not shown on FB LIVE, those who are watching bible study on FB LIVE and anyone else can call in to join us for prayer service during that time. The Dial-in number is 605-472-5736. Access code: 2239663. .

⇒ Wednesday's Noon Day Prayer Service meets in person each week in the Church Sanctuary .

⇒ The Women's Ministry's Bible Study classes will resume once the schedule is determined. All women, ages 18 and over are welcome.

⇒ Men's Bible Study is being held In-Person in the sanctuary and by Conference call on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Saturday of each month at 10:15 AM. The dial-in number is (605-468-8738. The access code is 5398693.

⇒ Tithes and Offering can be delivered to the church on weekdays between 10 AM and 2:00 PM. They can be given to the Deacons on duty (587-8869) or placed in the mail slot (after hours). You can also send them to Greater Salem Baptist Church at 1009 W Chestnut Street, Louisville 40203. Call 587-8869 if you need someone to pick-up your tithes and offerings. Online Giving can be accessed on the church Website through VANCO. Vanco Online Giving is on the GSBC website, greatersalembaptist.org under the HOME/Give heading. Click on the link and follow the simple step-by-step Process.

⇒ If you'd like to take the Lord's Supper, you can do so on every first Sunday of the month. It will be served by the Deacons on the parking lot as well as in the Sanctuary. Please drive through to be served. (As always, remember to maintain a proper Social Distance)

⇒ You can get a paper copy of the Good-NewsLetter on the first Sunday after worship service or via mail by contacting the church at 587-8869 and leaving your name and address.



PUZZLE

A VALUABLE *command*

God instructs children how to relate to their parents.

Directions: Arrange the words in alphabetical order. Then insert the circled letters in order to complete Exodus 20:12, NIV.



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| son | mother | father |
| daughter | honor | home |
| respect | family | obey |
| | love | |

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so t_at y_u may _i_e l_ng in t_e land
the L_RD _ou_ God i_ givi_g you.

EXODUS 20:12, NIV



Oh, by the way, don't use the salt.
I'll explain later.

Bible Quiz

When Moses was on the mountain for a long time, who made a golden calf for the people of Israel to worship?

- A. Joshua
- B. Levi
- C. Caleb
- D. Aaron



Answer: (See Exodus 32:1-6.)

Egg-cellent bouquet

Transform an egg carton into a Mother's Day keepsake.

What you need:

- Clean cardboard egg carton
- Scissors
- Acrylic paint and paintbrush
- Flat cardboard
- Photo, drawing or note
- Small pom-poms
- Hot glue
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Bend, stretch and cut the carton cups to make 3-D flower shapes. Also cut leaf shapes from the carton top.
2. Paint the flowers and leaves. Let dry.
3. Cut the flat cardboard to a size and shape you desire. Leave a border at least 2 inches larger than your photo, drawing or note.
4. With hot glue, attach the photo, drawing or note to the cardboard.
5. Arrange and glue flowers and leaves around the border. Attach pom-poms for more color and texture.
6. Present the gift to your mom or a special woman in your life.



Christian Symbol

ROBE

A robe, specifically one that's new and white, symbolizes the righteousness we receive through Jesus' death and resurrection. Isaiah 61:10 speaks of "the garments of salvation" and "the robe of righteousness." In Revelation 6:11, faithful martyrs each receive a white robe. People who are being baptized or confirmed often wear white robes as a sign of purity

<https://www.letthelittlechildrencome.com/child-evangelism-resources/useful-bible-verses/>

BIBLE VERSES FOR SHARING THE GOSPEL W/CHILDREN AND ADULTS

GOD'S LOVE

John 3:16 (NKJV)

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

1 John 4:9-10 (NKJV)

In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

GOD'S HOLINESS

Habakkuk 1:13a (ESV)

You who are of purer eyes than to see evil and cannot look at wrong.

1 Samuel 2:2 (ESV)

There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.

CREATION

Genesis 1:1 (NIV)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

JESUS LOVES CHILDREN

Matthew 19:14 (NIV)

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

HEAVEN / ETERNAL LIFE

Revelation 21:4 (NIV)

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

Revelation 21:21 (NIV)

The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.

John 10:28 (NIV)

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.

SIN

Romans 3:23 (NIV)

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 6:23 (NIV)

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Isaiah 59:2 (NIV)

But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.

JESUS TOOK THE PUNISHMENT FOR OUR SINS

1 Corinthians 15:3 (NIV)

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures.

Romans 4:25 (NIV)

He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Romans 5:8-9 (NIV)

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

Hebrews 9:22 (NIV)

In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

1 Peter 3:18 (NIV)

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

John 14:6 (NIV)

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Acts 4:12 (NIV)

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.

SALVATION THROUGH FAITH

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

John 1:12 (NIV)

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

John 3:16 (NIV)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

John 5:24 (NIV)

Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.

Romans 10:9-10 (NIV)

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

FORGIVENESS

1 John 1:9 (NIV)

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

If you are interested in and want to talk to someone about this, you can contact the Church office at 502-587-8869 and speak with Deacon Merrill or any member of the Evangelism Team!!!

The GoodNewsLetter is available online at greatersalembaptist.org



A Note from your GNL Editor

Thank You, Sister Newby and Greater Salem for the Appreciation shown to me during the Church Anniversary for my service in the GoodNewletter Ministry. I count it all as Joy.
Harold E. Gilmer



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A Mother's Day hymn

Sing praise to our Creator God!
Earth prospers from the way
God "mothers" each new child into
This world day after day.

God fabricates in motherhood
A channel from above
That longs to share with every child
God's comfort, grace and love!

Sing praise to our Creator God,
Who "mothers" us from birth!
Providing what we truly need
Throughout our lives on earth.

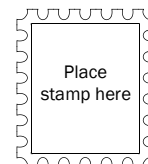
—Peggy Ferrell



MAKING DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST
ONE HEART AT A TIME - ONE FAMILY AT A TIME

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5/22/2022

DON'T FORGET— FATHER'S DAY IS JUNE 19TH